



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for January 13, 2019

SANTA DELIVERY WRAP UP...

The final numbers have been reported for our Christmas Eve Santa delivery.

Total number of gifts delivered - 3,224

Total number of stops made - 802

Total number of volunteer hours - 850

Again, many thanks to all of our volunteers; this night would not be possible without you. Special thanks to Connie Nagy who chairs this project for a job well done.

****We do seem to be missing a Santa hat, if you forgot to turn it in on Christmas Eve, please drop it off at the Civic Center****



Meet Carson Karakis, he came in and spoke to us on Wednesday about the Eagle Scout Project he is working on. He is going to construct a 15 1/2' Chimney Swift Tower at the Portage Lakes State Park. The Chimney Swift is a federally protected migratory bird which traditionally nested in residential and commercial chimneys. With the reduced number of chimneys in new construction the birds are losing vital habitat. By building this artificial chimney, this will enhance the nesting and breeding of the local Chimney Swift population. PLK gave Carson a \$100 check to help with the financing of his project.

BIRTHDAYS:

01/26 Gene Cole
01/29 Charlie Kepnes

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

01/01 Tom & Joyce Longworth
01/19 Gene & Judi Cole

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Goff - 29 years
Juanita Gehm - 17 years
Jon Freeman - 15 years

A note from the secretary...

We will be sending the membership roster to the printer next week. Many of you have verified your address, phone number, and email information; and I thank you. If you have not, please let me know of any changes as soon as possible, otherwise I will use the same information that was used in the last roster. Thank you.

ACME RECEIPTS -

The Acme Receipt program ended on December 29th, however, we can still submit receipts for goods purchased on or before December 29th, sooooo, if you are hanging onto receipts, please get them turned in, so we can turn over a good profit ! Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >January 15 - Division 16 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
at the Norton Community Center
- >January 23 - Speaker/Club Coach Member Recruitment
- >January 30 - Board Meeting
- >February 6 - Speaker / 4H Program
- >February 20 - Presidents Day Showcase
- >April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt
- >June 22 - Buckeye Martifest/Boat Parade
- >July 6 - Portage Lakes Fireworks



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

We had a lot of fun on New Year's Eve. We ate, drank, played games, and had a ton of laughs together. Many had to leave before midnight for various reasons, but those pictured above made it to the end for the blue gill drop! It was a real treat to have Kim with us again this year. The winning Minute-to-Win-It team consisted of: Vicki, Kim, Scott, Juanita, and Chuck; it came down to a tie-breaker!!

KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

We are still in need of a special someone to fill the position of Vice President. If you are interested please see Al Grzeschik, and he can fill you in on the qualifications of the opening.

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer for health issues:

**Charlie Kepnes
Frank Smith
Phil Pinnow**

2019 PRESIDENTS DAY SHOWCASE

Will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. We have invited several new groups to attend this year along with some of our usual veteran speakers. This promises to be a fun informational evening. Dinner will be catered by Lukity's and will begin at 6:30 pm, cost is \$10.00 per person, please plan on attending. You won't be disappointed.

ALL ABOUT PLK...

Our club meets every Wednesday. You can join us at 6:30 pm for dinner, which is catered by Lukity's Restaurant, a full meal for just \$10.00, or you can attend any meeting which begins at 7:00 pm. We'd love to have you.

We meet at the Civic Center, located at 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, OH 44319. Telephone number (330) 644-8967.

Our website is: www.plkiwanis.org and please check out our facebook page too under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.



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